

The announcement that P. J. Moran is to have a competitor in the paving business here should tend to make the bidding on the future improvements to be made in the city very interesting.

It is said that the bid of Strange and Maguire of \$147,852 for the paving of Third South street against that of Moran for \$164,302.85 is really the bid of the Acme Asphalt company, an independent concern not in the asphalt trust. It is believed that the asphalt trust like the steel trust, whose representatives in bridge building here have a secret agreement to split up a certain amount of money no matter which company gets the contract, has a reason for keeping out of the field while Mr. Moran is doing such excellent work; but there is a possibility that the Barber people and others will hasten to again get in, in the event that the bid of Strange and Maguire is accepted.

In this connection, the entrance of the Acme people would mean a great saving to the city and to the taxpayers, for in this one job they are able to do the same work at a saving of over \$16,000 under Moran's bid, the total in the next year or two would make a very tidy little sum.

President Edward P. Ripley of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, speaking in New York on Wednesday on "The Railroads and the Public Approval," made the statement that the people and not the railroads ruled this country.

This will be very interesting news in this city, as there is not a concern interested in the freight situation that through several years of sad experience has not been lead to believe that the people had very little to say and that the railroads had everything. If President Ripley's statement holds good in the rest of the land, Utah is indeed unfortunate in being discriminated against by the holdups who, in spite of the efforts of the Commercial Club Traffic Bureau, have the situation in absolute control.

Alleging that M. Levi is seeking to benefit through their fire, the Baron company on South State street have filed a suit to make Levi take down the banners he has put up, and which the plaintiffs say are drawing mazuma from their smoke and fire signals and rolling it in the front doors of Mawrusses' place.

It seems there is a partition between the Levi store and the Baron, and that isn't all between them. Also there is no love lost. The Barons claim that such a business as Levi's, it is damaging, and at this writing Judge Morse has not determined whether the Levi scenery will remain intact or not. "Main Entrance to the Sale," is the way one sign reads; another says, "Men's suits good enough for a Duke or a Baron at slaughtered prices"; and still another intimates that Levi's prices are as low as the others with the smoke and fire left out. It does seem a shame that the progressive advertising spirit of the day won't let a man enjoy a fire without attempting to make his losses greater.

The announcement of the purchase of the Utah National Bank corner by the Salt Lake Security & Trust company for a consideration of \$125,000 means that there will be another skyscraper put up on Main Street as soon as arrangements can be made regarding the present lease on the property. The taking of the corner by the Security Trust company means probably that the rumor which has gained ground for some time to the effect that the Utah National Bank and the McCornick Bank would be consolidated, may have some foundation in fact.

The purchase was made by the Salt Lake Security & Trust company in order to provide room for its business, which for twenty-three years since its establishment, has been one of steady and unusual growth. It was thought that when the company purchased the building in which it is now doing business, that there would be sufficient

room there for many years to come; but so swift has Salt Lake's advancement been within the past three or four years that the present quarters of the company are entirely inadequate. Definite plans for the new building have not yet been made and will not be until it is known when the premises will be vacated.

Honorable Reed Smoot, the human sycamore of Utah County, has returned from helping President Taft take his trip down the Mississippi to the city of the Mardi Gras. Interviewed by a Provo representative of the "Hemorrhage," brother Smoot had nothing to say regarding the reversal of form of "our people" during the recent municipal election; but as William Allen White would remark, as long as the "Hemorrhage" had its say and the people had their choice, it really makes no great difference what the priestly Senator might think regarding the re-delivery of greater Salt Lake to those who are making it greater.

The first train over the Western Pacific from San Francisco arrived here on Wednesday afternoon, carrying Charles H. Schlacks, first vice-president and active head of the road, C. M. Levy, second vice-president and general manager, V. G. Boge, chief engineer, T. G. Wyche, J. F. Evans, and a number of other officials. The party started on the return trip Thursday. The bringing of San Francisco four hours closer by way of the Western Pacific, and the hoped-for benefits to be derived when the road is ready for freight, make the coming a real epoch in the growth of the state. The officials announced that the road would take freight by the first of December, though regular passenger service will not be in operation before the spring, as the roadbed will not be ready for a fast train service until that time.

The election of Joseph E. Caine to the secre-

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